THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Information is as under :

Railway	Number of Consequential train accidents during		
	1995-96	1996-97	April-June 1997
Central	54	57	26
Eastern	32	31	7
Northern	50	58	17
North Eastern	28	21	7
Northeast Frontier	23	18	2
Southern	52	40	14
South Central	41	42	14
South Eastern	73	66	23
Western	44	44	6
Metro	1	1	1
Konkan	-	3	1
Total	398	381	119

(b) Accidents on Ujjain - Bhopal and Indore - Ujjain sections were mainly due to track defect and negligence of road users while negotiating unmanned level crossings.

(c) Information is as under :

Railway	No. of persons killed			Cost of damage to Rly. property (Rs. in lakhs)		
	95-96	96-97	Apr-Jun 1997	95-96	96-97	Apr-Jun 1997
Central	20	33	1	591.48	770.59	239.08
Western	11	11	-	90.32	132.89	4.10

Out of Order Telephones in Bihar

1400. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the telephone exchanges at block headquarters of Eastern Champaran district of Bihar are lying out of order;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to modernise or improve the said exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Steps have been taken to install higher capacity modern electronic exchanges alongwith reliable digital transmission media.

[English]

Granite Deposits

1401. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey to find out granite deposits in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Granite being a minor mineral, the concerned State Governments are responsible for the exploitation of reserves besides, exploration activity. However, in view of the importance assumed by this mineral, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has taken up intensive resource survey for granite in the country.

(b) Approximate State-wise area surveyed by GSI are indicated below :-

Name of State	Approximate area covered in Sq. Km.
Andhra Pradesh	38,000
Assam	125
Bihar	1,855
Gujarat	775
Haryana	105
Karnataka	6,320
Kerala	1,000
Madhya Pradesh	4,626
Maharashtra	2,300
Meghalaya	190
Orissa	1,200
Rajasthan	17,900
Tamil Nadu	4,950
Uttar Pradesh	3,050
West Bengal	1,000

[Translation]

Trains Introduced on Ajmer-Khandwa Route

1402. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of new rail services introduced on metre gauge rail route of Ajmer-Khandwa after March 31, 1991, till date; and

(b) the position of Engines and Coaches provided for this purpose during the last five years?